

This proposal is a farce of craven corporate cronyism wrapped in the rent-seeking wet-dreams of ISP monopolists.

Anything other than acceptance of the idea that a consumer who wants to pay for dumb bandwidth and determine how it's used for themselves ought to be able to do so is a disgrace. I can only imagine that the current FCC also thinks that car companies should have the power to decide what parking lots cars may open their trunks in, perhaps after shaking down the appropriate big-box-retailers. We already see equivalent behavior from mobile Internet providers who want to make choices for consumers in exchange for kickbacks. The proposal under consideration will only make this worse and more widespread.

The idea that ISPs should not be considered common carriers under title II is absurd, as is the idea that the Internet itself is an "information service." While individual websites and TCP/IP based services might reasonably be considered information services, the INTERNET as a whole is obviously the telecommunications network that allows for connecting to, accessing and using these services. Calling the Internet an information service is like calling the electric grid a light-switch service just because you need electricity to turn the lights on and off.

The claims made in support the current proposal are patently disingenuous, Orwellian, suggest a deep betrayal of the public interest and free market principle, and constitute proof of America's continuing descent into oligarchy. I urge the FCC to come to its senses and acknowledge the views of the millions of Americans it seems to be going out of its way to ignore and betray with its current course towards rejecting the principles of network neutrality.

Thank you.

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